

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-11 and 28-37 are pending in the application of which claims 28-37 have been allowed.

Claims 1 and 6-8 have been rejected. Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,608,267 (Mahulikar, et al.). Claims 6-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mahulikar as applied to claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,330,158 (Akram).

Claims 2-5 and 9-11 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but are otherwise allowable over the prior art, if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

*Specification*

By way of the foregoing amendment, Applicant has corrected the typographical errors on Page 1, lines 4 and 6.

*Claim Rejections §§ 102 and 103*

Without agreeing with the Examiner's reasons for rejections, claims 1 and 6-8 have been cancelled to facilitate issuance of currently allowable claims, thus obviating the §§ 102 and 103 rejections.

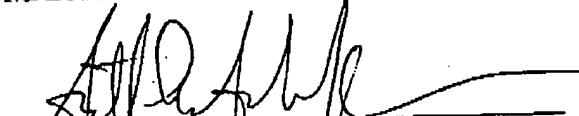
*Claim Objections*

Claims 2-5 and 9-11 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form, incorporating the limitations of base claim 1. Claim 2 and its dependents should now be in condition for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, allowance of claims 2-5 and 9-11 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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